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ASSISTANCE

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1. MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE DISCUSSION PAPER THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED ON MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS EXTREMELY WELL FORMULATED. IT SHOULD PROVIDE A VERY EFFECTIVE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7, AND SHOULD SERVE AS AN APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR ASSOCIATING THE DISCUSSION WITH THE MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE US POLICY STATEMENT ALREADY CIRCULATED TO GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS.

2. THE ONLY DRAFTING CHANGES WE WOULD SUGGEST ARE THOSE NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS NOTED IN PARAGRAPHS 3-7 BELOW, WHICH EXPLAIN THE PRESENTATIONAL ADVANTAGES WE SEE IN MAKING THESE ADJUSTMENTS.

3. IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE "ISSUE" SECTION WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
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PAPER, AND THE USES TO WHICH IT MAY BE PUT, TO DELETE THE MODIFIERS QUOTE LDC AND SECRETARIAT UNQUOTE IN REFERRING TO PRESSURES ON ASSESSED BUDGET FINANCING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SOME GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ARE NOT ENTIRELY RECONCILED TO THE STRENUOUSNESS OF US VIEWS ON THIS, AND THE NARROWING DOWN OF IDENTIFICATIONS IN THIS WAY COULD PREJUDICE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUBSEQUENT

AND WELL-REASONED ARGUMENTS WHICH THE PAPER CONTAINS.

4. THE SECOND POINT UNDER "PROBLEM 1" ON COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT (THE QUESTION OF DATA AVAILABILITY) MIGHT BETTER BE MADE THE PENULTIMATE POINT IN THIS CATALOG TO REDUCE ITS PROMINENCE, INASMUCH AS SOME OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS HAVE PROTESTED IN EARLIER EXCHANGES THAT MORE DATA ALREADY IS AVAILABLE THAN YET IS BEING UTILIZED PROFITABLY BY GENEVA GROUP CAPITALS.

5. THE FORMULATION OF POINT "C" IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH UNDER "PROBLEM 2" ON FUNDING COULD BE MISLEADING, AND WE BELIEVE THE PHRASE QUOTE CONTROLLING THE LEVELS OF OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS UNQUOTE SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE PHRASE QUOTE CONTROLLING THE SIZE OF ANY FUNDS CREATED UNQUOTE. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF REGULAR BUDGETS, AFTER ALL, FUNDS CANNOT BE "CREATED," BUT HAVE TO BE ACQUIRED THROUGH ASSESSMENTS, AND THIS IS THE CENTRAL CONSIDERATION HERE.

6. SUGGEST THAT THE VERB IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE OPENING PARAGRAPH ON "COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT" MIGHT BETTER BE QUOTE FAVORS UNQUOTE RATHER THAN QUOTE PROPOSES UNQUOTE IN KEEPING WITH THE OPENING STAGE OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM WHICH THE GENEVA GROUP WILL BE AT WHEN THE ITEM 7 QUESTIONS FIRST ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKEN UP.

7. DELETE REFERENCE TO THE PRICE WATERHOUSE REPORT IN THE SECTION ON "COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT," AS THIS IS LIKELY TO BE CONFUSING TO THOSE NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT (UNLESS IT EITHER IS A UN DOCUMENT WHICH CAN BE CITED OR ONE WE WILL CIRCULATE). THIS ELABORATION MIGHT BETTER BE MADE IN THE US ORAL PRESENTATION.

8. IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN HAVING THE PAPER CIRCULATED IN TIME FOR ADEQUATE PRIOR STUDY OF IT TO BE MADE IN CAPITALS, THE MISSION IS REPRODUCING THE PAPER IN THIS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FORM, BUT WILL NOT RELEASE IT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN THESE MODIFICATIONS HAS BEEN RECEIVED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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